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1. The air raid sirens on top of the casernes in Rostock (M 55/O 81) have been tested almost daily since early July 1950. Members of the VP, SED, and trade union inspected the undamaged air raid shelters in public buildings. No private air raid shelters have been inspected yet. \*
2. SED and trade union functionaries were to persuade the workers to give up their annual vacation in favour of a vacation every two years but most laborers were not willing to comply with the request.
3. In late July 1950 it was observed that the old air raid markings, such as white edges on platforms, loading ramps and stairs, were being repainted in the railroad terminals in the Berlin railroad district. This was confirmed by railroad employees. \*
4. Air raid sirens in the casernes in Plauen (M 51/K 12) were heard at 10 p.m. and midnight on 16 July 1950. The all-clear signal sounded half an hour later. Night alerts lasting about 30 minutes were practiced frequently in the casernes during the preceding two weeks. \*

\* Comment. This report has not been confirmed. It is noticeable that air raid precautionary measures have been taken almost simultaneously at various places in the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted] there have been frequent practice air raid alarms at the Brandenburg-Briest airfield. [redacted]

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